

Board Elects Officers, Adopts New

Implements Gulfshore Rebuilding Action

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in its annual post-convention meeting Tuesday of last week at the Baptist Building, elected officers and an Executive Committee for the coming year, authorized a committee to implement action on

rebuilding Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and adopted a four-year program of special promotional emphases.

Officers elected were: President, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, (re-elected); vice-president, Ralph

Reeves, McComb, and recording secretary, Dr. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, (re-elected).

The Executive Committee is composed of the three officers in addition to six others, elected as follows:

Wm. Hardy, Kosciusko, (re-elected); Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, (re-elected); M. F. Rayburn, Meridian, (re-elected); Dr. Harold Bryson, Car-

thage, (re-elected); Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville, (re-elected); and Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, layman, who just retired as convention president.

The Board authorized the appointment of a committee of five to implement the instruction the Convention Board received from the recent State Convention to "develop and put into action" a plan to raise \$1,250,000 through a Capital Funds Drive to rebuild Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian.

The Committee, to be named by the president and executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, will report to the Board when it is ready for action to be taken.

The \$1,250,000 would be added to other available funds to rebuild the assembly, practically destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

The committee was authorized to seek professional help if it was deemed wise but that "no individuals or churches should be urged to make a financial commitment to the cam-

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paign that would reduce support to the Cooperative Program budget."

The Board also voted to ask the recent 1972 Assembly Study Committee, Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, chairman, to serve in an advisory capacity to the new committee of five, to be announced soon.

The special four-year program was recommended by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Convention Board, as follows:

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Officers and an Executive Committee were elected at the post-convention meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at the Baptist Building Nov. 28. They are, from left, seated: Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson; Ralph Reeves, McComb; Dr. David Grant, Jackson, Convention president (ex-officio); Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins,

Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer, (ex-officio); Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo. Standing: Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville; Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; William Hardy, Kosciusko. (Not shown is Dr. John Barnes, Hattiesburg.)

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Groundbreaking Set For Baptist Hospital's New \$35,000,000 Home

Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held December 14 at 2 p.m. for Mississippi Baptist Hospital's new \$35,000,000 home.

The event will take place on the southwest corner of the nine-acre site between North State and President streets just north of Manship.

This site is diagonally across the street from the present hospital — the state's largest private general hospital, now in its 62nd year of community service.

The roar of giant earth-moving equipment began November 27 as the contractor, Turner Construction Company, of Cincinnati, started site clearance.

The big machines are pushing away chopped-down trees, stumps, branches, and concrete from the front steps and driveways and foundations of houses which once occupied the site.

The work will come to a halt on December 14 long enough for a ceremony expected to last about half an hour, and then the wheeled machines will crank up again.

Zach T. Hederman, chairman of the hospital board, will serve as master of ceremonies for the formal breaking of ground by shovel-wielding dignitaries.

Governor William Waller, Jackson mayor Russell C. Davis, hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, have been invited to make brief remarks.

Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church and recently-elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will give the invocation, and Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, has been asked to dismiss the assembly with a benediction.

Many of the hospital's more-than-1,000 employees are expected to be on hand for the kick-off of a three-year period of construction pointing to a completion date of the Christmas season of 1975.

The 600 beds in the new hospital, plus more than 400 beds in the existing facility, will make the institution a major medical center providing a wide scope of services for the state and beyond state lines.

In the mid-sixties, hospital executives explored various construction possibilities with representatives of the Ellerbe Company, of St. Paul, Minnesota — an architectural firm with nationally-recognized expertise in hospital construction.

On January 23, 1970, hospital officials announced plans to build a new hospital. The announcement was made by Jackson attorney T. Harvey Hedgepeth, who was chairman of the hospital board at that time.

Since that announcement, hospital board members and administrative personnel have been working with representatives of the Ellerbe Company and of Barlow and Plunkett architects in Jackson, on the floor-by-floor, department-by-department details.

In 1970, the hospital conducted a statewide fund drive resulting in some \$2,000,000 in contributions from interested citizens desiring to participate in the financing of this major outlay for a new hospital facility.

Baxter Wilson, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Mississippi Power and Light Company, served as chairman of the fund drive, and Henry Holman, president of McCarty-Holman Company, was chairman of the Development Fund Committee.

Bids Opened Oct. 10

Hospital board members opened twelve bids on construction October 10 and declared the Turner Construction Company, of Cincinnati, to be the lowest bidder, with \$21,203,400. The contract was awarded to Turner.

On November 7, the largest single building permit in Jackson's history (involving a fee of \$23,500) was issued to the hospital by Mayor Davis and City Commissioners Ed Cates and Thomas Kelly, in a ceremony at city hall.

The project now under way represents a total investment, upon completion, of approximately \$35,000,000 and includes purchase of equipment and furnishings, development of additional parking facilities, land costs, financing charges and other costs in (Continued on page 5)

Barry Wood, Jack Taylor To Be Youth Convention Speakers

Rev. Barry Wood and Jack Taylor will be speakers for the Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention scheduled for Jackson on December 28 and 29.

Mr. Wood of Northridge, California will speak at each of the four sessions of the convention.

A very popular speaker with young people, he has conducted evangelistic crusades in Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, California, Missouri and Texas. His ministry includes pastoring the First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills, California and ministering to Sunset Strip in Los Angeles.

Mr. Taylor is pastor of the Castle Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas. His role as speaker will be motivational, inspirational, and instructional preparation of the youth for their outreach activities during the convention.

In January, he will become minister of evangelism of the First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, California and will teach in the new Van Nuys Christian College.

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The convention begins on Thursday afternoon, December 28 and will conclude with an evangelistic service on Friday night, December 29.

Other features of the program will be the state youth choir festival, a presentation of "Celebrate Life" on Thursday night and evangelistic outreach to all shopping centers in Jackson on Friday afternoon.

Day sessions will be held at First Baptist Church, Jackson and night sessions at Jackson Municipal Auditorium.

Additional information may be ob-

tained from the Church Music Department, Church Training Department or Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Third Evangelist Dies From Burns In Plane Crash

NASHVILLE (BP) — Ray Sadler of Total Evangelistic Concepts, an independent Southern Baptist evangelistic team based here, died in an Army helicopter from burns in a fiery plane crash that earlier claimed the lives of two fellow Baptist evangelists.

Sadler, who suffered burns on 90 per cent of his body, amazed hospital officials by walking away from the scene of the crash.

Burned almost beyond recognition when the Beechcraft Bonanza single-engine plane crashed into a field near the village of the children, but also assist in underwriting the spiraling costs of food and milk for children at the Village throughout the year.

Village Makes "Holiday Fund" Cash Appeal

In announcing its annual appeal to individual Baptists and friends of children at Christmas, The Baptist Children's Village is again emphasizing the need for cash gifts to the "Holiday Fund."

According to the administration at the Mississippi Baptist child care agency, a cash gift to the "Holiday Fund" represents the most efficient and effective method of sharing, in a material sense, the spirit of the holiday season with the neglected and dependent boys and girls who make their homes at the Children's Village.

The annual appeal, which is made possible by a modest number of Christmas presents under the Village trees for the children, but also assist in underwriting the spiraling costs of food and milk for children at the Village throughout the year.

In releasing an announcement of the annual appeal, Paul N. Nunnery, the Village superintendent, explained the philosophy of the "Holiday Fund" appeal as providing an opportunity for every individual friend of Village children to share the bounty of his holiday table with the boys and girls for an entire year through a cash gift to the Village at this season.

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Rutledge Optimistic About Future Mission Goals--Cooper Speaks

ATLANTA (BP) — The directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting here approved a detailed budget of \$16 million, named two new staff members, and heard their chief executive express a new optimism for national missions and the nation.

"I feel more optimistic about the work of this agency, and of Christianity in America and the world, than I have in many years," executive secretary-treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge said. "Some of the tensions we ex-

perienced a few years ago are practically non-existent now."

Rutledge said although progress in race relations leaves room for continuing improvement, there have been great changes for good since 1968, when the Southern Baptist Convention approved the significant "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation."

"The polarization between those believing in Christian social ministries and those strongly committed to evangelism has largely dissolved," he continued, "as it has become clear

that social ministries are not antithetical to Christian evangelism but furnish another avenue for sharing our faith."

Although national election years have traditionally been considered to be difficult years for churches and spiritual concerns Rutledge said 1972 seems to have been a year of spiritual progress nationally.

"The national mood seems to be changing toward a sense of need to return to values which have their root in the religious foundation of our nation. There seems to be, indeed, a hunger for meaning, for purpose, for peace, which adds up to a hunger for God. There is a widespread and growing openness to the gospel and to Jesus Christ."

The 1973 budget, Rutledge said, calls for an increase of \$895,000 over 1972. The board's Mission Division various departments were allotted: \$14 million to Christian social ministries; \$1.9 million to church extension; \$2.9 million to language missions; \$170,000 to interfaith witness; \$446,000 to special mission ministries; and \$545,000 for work with National Baptists.

Other budgeted divisions include \$1.2 million to associational services; \$220,000 to chaplaincy; \$1.9 million to church loans; \$702,000 to evangelism; \$2.2 million, business services; \$770,000, communication; and \$287,000, personnel.

The tightened budgetary situation of recent years has kept the board's missionary force, which now stands at 2,208, at approximately the same level for the past four years. Rutledge said that "improved financial support through the 1972 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the brighter outlook for 1973 give promise of some increase just ahead."

The work of the 2,208 missionaries was reinforced by a student summer mission force of 1,002 including 350 who were sponsored by Baptist Stu-

CALL ISSUED FOR BAPTIST MEN'S 1973 CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM

HONG KONG — David Wong, chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, has issued an official call to men of the world to participate in the International Baptist Men's Conference in Jerusalem, Nov. 4-10, 1973.

But the scope of the conference is wider than the name implies, Wong, an architectural engineer, smiles. "The invitation is to pastors as well as laymen," he said, adding, "And of course we want them to bring their wives."

The conference is one in a series of men's meetings planned by the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. The Pan American Union of Baptist Men met in July 1972 in Cali, Colombia. There will be a meeting of Asian men "with visitors from other countries invited" in Hong Kong in October, 1974 and a worldwide meeting in connection with the 13th Baptist World Congress in Stockholm in 1975.

Plans for the Jerusalem meeting call for the anticipated 2000 registrants to live in Jerusalem hotels throughout the week, but to travel each day to historic spots in the Holy Land. Wong said that detailed information may be obtained by writing the offices of the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 USA.

500,000 Attend Graham Crusade In Kohima, India

KOHIMA, India — Naga tribesmen in this remote part of northeast India gave Evangelist Billy Graham one of the greatest receptions of his life when he came here for a three-day Crusade. As many as 80,000 came out for Bible studies two mornings, and crowds estimated at well over 100,000 attended the three evening services. Kohima's usual population is just over 20,000.

While there was no registration and no accurate count, thousands of the mountain people were reported to have made decisions for Christ in answer to the evangelist's invitation.

Walter H. Smyth, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association vice president in charge of Crusade planning, said he believed the cumulative attendance of over 500,000 was the largest in any three day period in the evangelist's ministry.

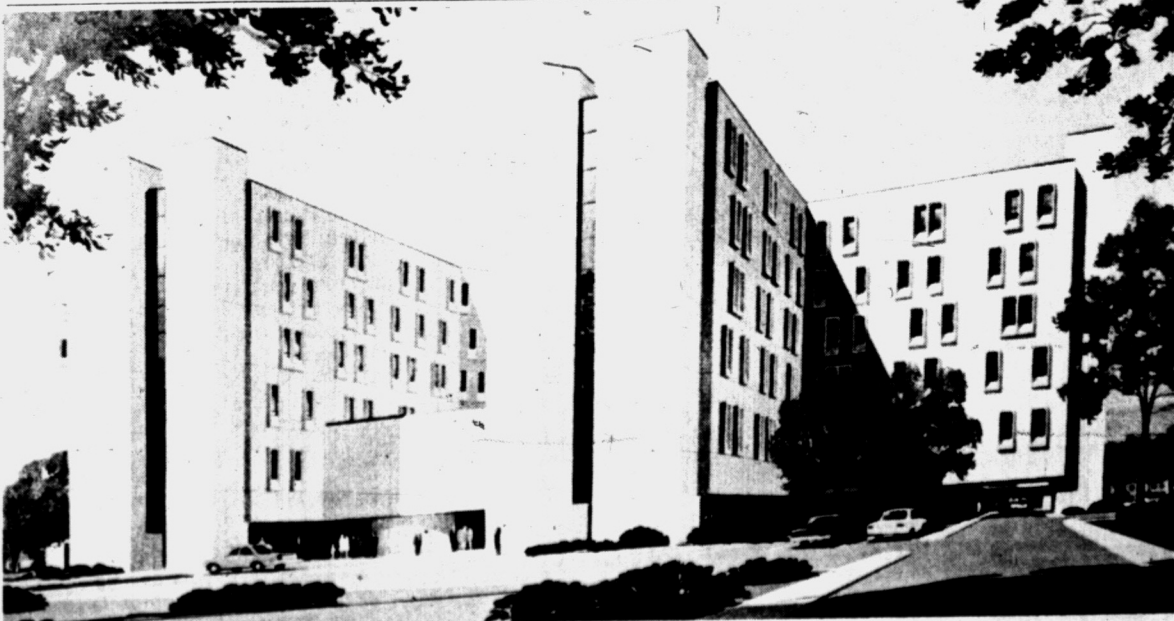
Associates said from Graham's motorcade entry to his departure by helicopter, the welcome in Nagaland was exceptional. Admitted only at the last minute to the state in which

India's central government seldom permits foreigners to visit, the American was greeted by an estimated 100,000 Nagas lining the last three miles of his route. They came in the costumes of 14 or more tribes, shouting and singing Christian hymns to welcome their visitors.

A seven-day Kohima Crusade was originally planned, but it was shortened to three days when the government granted permits to only six members of the Team for four days only (including the day of travel time). Several members of the Team who were scheduled to assist were not allowed into the state which has been the scene of much guerrilla activity.

Even though some underground leaders said they had declared a cease-fire for the duration of the Crusade, there were still skirmishes with the Indian military forces. One took place just three miles from the meeting site during a morning Bible study. Graham was leading a prayer for the sick when gunfire erupted.

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This is how the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital will look when it is completed three years from now.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Is Love Expressed

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son. . . If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:10-11.)



Love in person to person concern Missionary J. A. Anaya shares with an elderly Spanish goatherd the story of redemption through Jesus Christ. (The Photograph made in Canary Islands, by W. Robt. Hart)



Love in healing the sick—Missionary physician Samuel R. J. Canana, Jr., examines a patient in Gishay, Ethiopia. (Photo by Gerold Harvey)



Love in ministering to the needy—Missionaries and national Christians share the Gospel with refugee families such as this one living on the sidewalk in Hong Kong. (Photo by Morris Wright)



Love by Southern Baptists who support their missionaries around the world—The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year is \$18,000,000, half of the financial support for foreign missions. (Photo by Tom Scofield, Jr.)



Love in feeding the hungry—A young patient in the Baptist Hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico, finds physical nourishment. (Photo by Tom Scofield, Jr.)



Love in proclaiming God's Word—Missionary Carl Ryther (pictured) leading a devotional period in Faridpur, Bangladesh, or 2,500 other Southern Baptist missionaries, or thousands of national Christians with whom missionaries work bear the message: God's love expressed to man through his son, Jesus Christ. (Photo by Tom Scofield, Jr.)

Fire In Baptist Towers Prompts Panic And Heroism

ATLANTA (BP) — The fire that swept through the Baptist Towers retirement home here took nine lives and left scores of elderly people unable to return to their apartments.

The tragedy that began on the seventh floor at 2:15 a.m., Nov. 30, prompted both panic and despair, and heroic acts and Christian faith.

More than 18 units of the Atlanta fire department answered the seven alarms that went out during a near-freezing temperature and rain. Ten of the firemen fighting the blaze had mothers who were residents of the 11-story building.

Actions of the firemen prompted high praise by the residents. One elderly lady said she was being helped down the stairs when her request for her coat sent a fireman back into her smoke-filled apartment to keep her from the cold winds outside.

The firemen, in response to praise from the residents, spoke of the courage and calmness of the residents.

There was a great deal of panic initially, however. Spokesmen said most of the nine who died in the inferno panicked and suffered smoke inhalation. Two were burned almost beyond recognition. Most of the bodies were found in the hallways.

More than 30 were injured, many of them from falls trying to escape. Most of those treated in Atlanta hospitals were victims of smoke rather than fire. Despite some panic, others took the situation in calmly. One fireman crawling on his knees down a smoke-filled hall encountered an elderly man coolly walking toward the exit.

The tragedy was not without drama.

The 68-year-old widow of an Atlanta police captain, Mrs. Annie Maddox, whose apartment was on the fatal seventh floor, hung from her window for almost 40 minutes, at times by only one arm, before being lowered to the ground.

Firemen shouted encouragement

to her, urging her to "hang on." She suffered severe burns along the arm inside her window. All the people living on both sides of her were killed.

A retired Southern Baptist home missionary, Mrs. Carey Bockelman, survived the blaze on her seventh-floor residence without injury. For 27 years, she had worked at the Dawson Baptist Goodwill Center in Atlanta.

The panic which occurred on the seventh floor was not apparent on other floors. Men and women driven from their rooms by smoke went back as soon as possible. They seemed to accept the whole episode stoically.

Some overcame physical difficulties with apparent ease. One older lady just out of the hospital after hip surgery calmly walked down six flights of stairs to safety.

Only the day before the fire, a retired schoolteacher had sent out invitations to all seventh floor residents inviting them to a Christmas party in her room. Most of those killed lived on the fatal floor.

Of the nine who perished five were members of Baptist churches.

One of those who died was a security guard answering a call for help on the seventh floor. He was trapped in one of the building's two elevators.

A number of firemen were among those injured. One suffered a heart attack. News reports indicated that firemen rescued at least 50 of the residents, not including those who escaped on their own.

Throughout the day following the early morning blaze, Red Cross workers, volunteers from churches and members of families of residents were busy providing comfort, food and information.

Those still unable to return to their apartments are being housed by friends and relatives or in provisions made by the towers or sponsoring churches.

One Atlanta hotel offered to take care of all those displaced.

Groundbreaking Is Set For Hospital

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addition to the \$21,203,400 construction price tag.

The first floor of the new hospital will house administrative offices, dining area, emergency room, educational facilities, ambulatory services, physical therapy, lobby and chapel.

The second floor will include surgery, recovery room, pathology section, radiology unit and an area for nuclear medicine, with support services to be located in the basement.

The third floor will have 120 beds, plus coronary-care, intensive-care pe-

diatrics, obstetrics, nursery, labor room, and delivery room, and the top three floors will each have 100 beds plus support facilities.

Hospital officials have released the following list of special guests who have been invited to occupy the platform at the groundbreaking ceremonies:

Gov. Waller, Ernest C. Moss, Jr., executive director of the Mississippi Commission on Hospital Care, Charles O'Neal, assistant executive director of the Mississippi Commission on Hospital Care, Charles Flynn,

executive secretary of the Mississippi Hospital Association.

Dr. Grant, Dr. Kelly, Dr. Huggins, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Robert P. Henderson, President of the Medical Staff; Mayor Davis, Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Cates, Mr. Holman;

Bill Hunt, representing the hospital employees as the employee with the longest tenure of service, Mr. Pryor, Earl W. Eddins, assistant administrator, Michael C. Wilkinson, assistant administrator; and

The 15-member board of trustees of the hospital as follows: Hederman,

Dr. W. W. Causey, Marvin E. Colson, Sidney D. Davis, H. B. Duckworth, Ray Grillo, Rev. Joel Haire, Dr. G. Swink Hicks, W. P. McMullan, Jr., Rev. Vernon May, Paul G. Moak, W. R. Newman, E. O. Spencer, J. W. Underwood, and Rev. James F. Yates.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Dr. Helen Kennedy, a Scottish missionary, has opened a dispensary at the Marcor Baptist Church where she treats and counsels residents of the community one afternoon each week.

500,000 Attend Graham Crusade In Kohima, India

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He asked the congregation to remain in place and to stay calm. No one left.

Site of the meetings was an athletic field, with extra seating space especially arranged for the Crusade.

One of the unique features of the meetings was the seating of the congregation by language groups. There were interpreters for at least 18 tribal tongues. Never before had Graham's sermons been translated into so many different languages. At some services in Africa, there had been translation into three languages. When a pilot closed-circuit television European Crusade originated in Dortmund, Germany, in 1970, there was simul-

taneous translation into seven different languages beamed to the areas where they were spoken.

Graham said the crowds of 80,000 at the morning gatherings were the largest he had ever addressed before noon.

Nagas came from every corner of the state for the event, some walking many miles to participate. Local sponsors planned for months to provide makeshift sleeping and eating arrangements for the out-of-town visitors.

While it is estimated that over half of the state's population is Christian, Graham's Associates said the number of people making initial professions of faith in Nagaland was great-

er than in any comparable period in previous Crusades.

Even with the uncertainty up to the last minute about whether the visiting evangelist would speak, a choir of 1,000 Nagas was assembled for each service. The veteran director of Crusade choirs, Cliff Barrows, led the singers.

Accompanying the choir and vocal soloist Archie Dennis Jr. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was the Team pianist, Tedd Smith.

Other Team members participating were Associate Evangelist T. W. Wilson and Charles Riggs, director of counseling and follow-up.

One of the gifts presented to the visiting evangelist was a Naga warrior's costume. Members of the

Team also got shawls made in the area.

A government helicopter took the party from Kohima to Gauhati on America's Thanksgiving Day. Graham and his associates had cold box lunches. He said he had never been so far from his North Carolina on Thanksgiving but was thankful for the response to the Gospel in Nagaland.

He called the three days one of the greatest experiences of his life.

From Gauhati he flew to New Delhi to pay a visit to the nation's Prime Minister. She responded with a message of good wishes from President Nixon. She responded with the hope that relationships between the United States and India would be improved.

Responding to a long-standing invitation, Graham then flew to Tehran to visit the Shah of Iran. Later he will participate in a planning session in Lausanne, Switzerland, for the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization.



'Warrior' For Christ

KOHIMA, India—Evangelist Billy Graham wears the garb and carries a spear of a Naga warrior during his crusade in the northeast Indian state of Nagaland. Mr. Graham said he would be a warrior for Christ. The crusade was held as part of the centennial year of the Christian church in Nagaland, which has a high proportion of Baptists among its population. The Indian government's permission to hold the crusade was considered significant because Americans have rarely been granted permission to visit the insurgency-ridden state. (RNS Photo).

"Christmas Sparkles At The Village" Is To Be Presented On December 8 And 9

The eighth annual production of "Christmas Sparkles At The Village" will be presented by the boys and girls from the Music Department of The Baptist Children's Village on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m.

"Christmas Sparkles—" the annual Christmas choral music concert of the Village's Department of Music, will as usual be staged in Hester Activities Building on Flag Chapel Drive in northwest Jackson. There is no admission charge. Comfortable seating for more than 2,000 guests is available.

Attention is being called to the fact that two performances, each at 7:30 p.m., on Friday and Saturday,

December 8 and December 9, will be offered this year.

The audiences for the unusual holiday concert have steadily grown each year, establishing "Christmas Sparkles" as one of the highlights of the Christmas season in the Jackson area. A crowd estimated at 2,200 people exhausted standing room at the 1971 concert.

Plans revealed by Mrs. Jan Nix, director of the Department of Music at the Village, indicate that a mixed choir of 140 children, ranging in age from 4 to 18 years will perform at the 1972 concert. In accordance with custom, one-half of the program will feature sacred music of the season with the remainder of the con-

cert including popular Christmas music, interspersed by the choral skits and acts to which the enthusiastic audiences have become accustomed since the concert was originated in 1965.

A special feature of the 1972 concert will be the appearance of a dozen young ladies, all Village alumni, and each of whom performed as a member of "The Treble Teens," a popular Village high school choral group, during the years 1961 to 1971.

"Christmas Sparkles At The Village," according to Mrs. Nix, is a sort of choral Christmas card, representing an effort by the boys and girls at the Village to say "thank-you" to their friends.



Series Of "Preview" Bible Study Meetings Held

Several leaders at the regional January Bible Study "preview" meeting held Nov. 29 at Alta Woods Church in Jackson were welcomed by the pastor, Dr. Charles Rogers. From left: Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions, Hinds-Madison Association; Rev. James Rogers, pastor First Church, Mendenhall; Mrs. Donald

Floyd, Dallas, younger preschool teacher; Dr. Ray Summers, Waco, Texas, teacher of "Galatians"; Billy Hudgens, associate in Sunday School Department who directed the series of three meetings, also sponsored by the department, and Dr. Myers.

The Convention President Speaks

Even though I have lived in Jackson for fourteen and one-half years plus, I have never visited our denominational workers in the Baptist Building much. In fact, many times as much as three or four months would pass before I would even drop in at our state headquarters. Consequently, I had never known our leadership as I should have and would like to have.

Since being elected your president, I have had the privilege of being in and out of the building many times. In addition to this, I have been in telephone conversations with various ones there frequently. This has enabled me to come to know much better some of the finest people I have ever known. These words of commendation apply to every person working there, regardless of capacity or position. They are truly dedicated people with a genuine desire to serve their Lord and you.

It is my conviction that we are under the very best leadership. You, out over the state, can rest assured and can have the utmost confidence in them and their interest in you. I believe you could secure much help from anyone who works in our Baptist Building if you simply desire it and ask for it.

I am amazed at Dr. Hudgins' insight and business acumen. He is giving us able leadership in every way that I have been able to observe.

As an outsider and as one of you—a pastor—I want to encourage you to hold them up in your prayers, trust them for leadership, and support them in their work. Then you will benefit greatly from such action.—David Grant

What A Glorious Way To Go

By A. L. Nelson

During a recent business meeting at my church, a deacon—loyal layman, faithful Sunday School teacher—arose, went to the platform, and stoutly and fervently defended the mission budget of his church. He said that it ought to be bigger, and that the Cooperative Program must certainly be raised at least one per cent of the total budget, in that God has been good to our church and that this would be one of the best ways in which we could show Him our appreciation. Three minutes after Brother Godard returned to his seat, he went home to be with God. The last thing he had done in his life was to defend God's program and, probably the last statement he made was to a fellow deacon on his way down from the platform: "They didn't pay any attention to me."

I only hope that when my time comes to go home to God, whenever and wherever it might be, that I will have been as true to Him, as faithful to my convictions and as loyal as Mr. Godard, spending the last five minutes of life on earth promoting the cause of Christ in winning lost souls through the entire world.



MC Chorus To Present Handel's "Messiah"

These are a few of the Mississippi College students who will perform in the 125-voice oratorio chorus that will present Handel's MESSIAH in Nelson Auditorium, Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8:15 p.m. Accompanied by a 26-piece

orchestra, the choir will be under the direction of Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts. Everyone is invited and no admission will be charged. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

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Optimism About Mission Goals

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dent Unions. The special mission ministries department also assisted in bringing together more than 100 youth mission groups, mostly choirs, and fields needing their service.

SBC President Speaks

Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper challenged Southern Baptists to raise a volunteer mission force of 5,000 and increase monetary gifts to its mission forces.

In a speech to the directors and personnel of the convention's Home Mis-

sion Board here, Cooper challenged the board to reverse a trend of a slow - down in Baptist growth during recent years.

Saying that Southern Baptists have decelerated their rate of growth in recent years, Cooper pointed out that "the great momentum Southern Baptists had in the 1950's and 60's has slowed down. This is not as it should be," he said. "There is a need for Southern Baptists to 'get growing' again."

Cooper, an industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss., noted that there has been a substantial decline in the rate of organizing new churches in the SBC.

Although in the decade of 1950 - 60, Southern Baptists increased in churches by 18.2 per cent, in the next decade the growth rate dropped to slightly more than one-third of the 1950's, he said.

While Southern Baptists were one of the few mainline denominations that could boast an increase in the number of churches from 1970-71, the increase was only one-fourth of one per cent, he said.

Cooper called for a renewed emphasis and an intensified program in organizing new churches. This, he said, can be accomplished by providing the convention's mission boards, home and foreign, with more funds to employ additional missionaries to assist in organizing new churches and provide additional pastoral support.

"We have a total of 4,775 home and foreign missionaries," Cooper said of the SBC. "This number should soon increase to 5,000. It is my sincere belief that in five years time a properly developed and coordinated program could result in recruiting annually 5,000 additional volunteer workers to supplement the work being done by our home and foreign missionaries."

Much of the manpower force could come from the 80,000 Southern Baptists who reach retirement age each year, said Cooper, who will retire next year as president of the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corps. The 80,000 retirees annually include lay persons, retiring ministers, retirees from the military service, and persons who have attained financial independence, Cooper said.

He also suggested that persons should be recruited for volunteer mission work who retire from church staffs, seminaries, educational institutions, convention agencies and other related activities.

Cooper suggested that Baptists make the number of volunteer workers whom he estimated at around 2,400, with an equal number of student mission workers, who would work in summer months. Slightly more than 1,000 student workers presently work through out the nation under the sponsorship of the SBC Home Mission Board.

He also urged that more consideration be given to making the student summer missionary program a "year-round" program. Summer workers have served in "year-round" pilot programs in several situations throughout the nation.

New Musical To Be Released
A new Home Mission Board musical, "Joy" based on one such choir tour, will be released in January. With lyrics by board staffer Ed Seabough, and music by Bill Cates of Nashville, the musical was premiered during Home Mission weeks at Gloria and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers.

The position of director of evangelism remained unfilled. A successor to the position vacated by Kenneth Chafin who left the board to become pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, will be named in March, the next meeting of the entire board.

New staffers named at the fall

Myers, Jackson; Dr. David Owen, Hattiesburg; Dr. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland; Mr. Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive; Rev. Bill Nimmons, Tupelo; Dr. Fuller Saunders, Jackson; Dr. Graham Hales, Jr., Hattiesburg; Dr. John Harper, State College; Rev. J. B. Miller, Southaven; and Dr. W. W. Walley Waynesboro.

meeting were Orrin D. Morris, formerly secretary of the board's department of planning service, as coordinator of region III of the planning and coordination section; and Jack H. Grisham of Mississippi as assistant secretary in the Christian social ministries department.

Morris, formerly secretary of the board's department of planning service, will assist board staffers in developing a comprehensive, and uniform plan for mission strategy for states in mid-western United States including Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. Morris is one of four regional coordinators for the nation.

A Nebraska-native, who formerly served with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Morris served as planning services head since last January. Previously he was associate secretary in the board's department of survey and special studies from 1963 to 1970.

"Orrin Morris has experience in associational work, the pastorate, state missions, and nine years in survey and special studies. He certainly has shown himself outstanding in an ability to relate to people, a keen awareness, and a creativity in his work," Irwin said.

Mr. Grisham, a Mississippi pastor and teacher, was named assistant secretary in the Board's department of Christian social ministries during the board's fall meeting here.

A native of Pontotoc, Miss., Grisham will specialize in ministries related to alcoholics, drug abusers, ex-prisoners and migratory workers. He will assume the Home Mission Board post Jan. 1.

Grisham's experience in the field of mental health where he has worked for the past two years will "bring an additional dimension to the department that is needed," said Paul Adkins, secretary of the board's department of Christian social ministries.

The 28-year-old Grisham recently completed his doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Mississippi. He also holds degrees from Mississippi College, Clinton, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The Board meeting here honored Eual F. Lawson, associate director in the board's Division of Evangelism, on his retirement after 25 years of mission-related work and a 43-year ministry.

Dr. Kennedy Named Academic Dean

Dr. James Hardee Kennedy, native of Mississippi, and MC graduate, has been named Dean of Academic Affairs of New Orleans Seminary by the Executive Committee of the seminary's Board of Trustees. He has been associated with the seminary since 1947 and was serving as acting dean.

The announcement was made by seminary president Dr. Grady Cotten and is part of a reorganization of NOBS into one school with five divisions. Dr. Kennedy will coordinate and supervise the academic affairs of all the divisions.

384 Boys Volunteer For Missions At RA Camp

Southern Baptists increased their number of candidates for mission service by 384, thanks to summer Royal Ambassador camping experiences throughout the denomination.

At the same time more than 1,900 boys professed their faith in Christ at the 141 weeks of camps in the 23 states, a survey of camp activities indicated.

More than 18,000 boys registered for RA camp.

Convention Board Elects Officers And Adopts New Four-Year Program

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1973—Evangelism (already adopted); 1974—Membership Development; 1975—Stewardship and Missions; 1976—Christian Patriotism. Dr. Hudgins then named the coordinator for each event.

Evangelism—Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of evangelism.
Membership Development—Kermit S. King, director of the Church Training Department.

Stewardship and Missions—Rev. John Alexander, director of Stewardship and Missions. Mr. Jean Patterson, executive secretary-treasurer of the State WMU, co-chairman. Dr. Hudgins added that since the year 1975 marks the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program that would be Stewardship and Missions.

Christian Patriotism—Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Convention's Christian Action Commission. Dr. Hudgins said that it is contemplated that the Convention Board would request the Christian Action Commission to permit Dr. Hensley to accept this assignment.

Dr. Hudgins closed by saying that "realizing that the year 1976 will mark the bi-centennial year of the founding of our nation, and that the emphasis of the Southern Baptist Convention will note that milestone in our national history, it is the judg-

ment of your secretary, in which I believe our entire Baptist Building Staff concurs, that a new four-year format of planned programming will mean much to the endeavors of Mississippi Baptists."

Immediately after the Board meeting adjourned, the new Executive Committee met and elected officers, as follows:

Officers Elected

Chairman, Dr. Kelly, (re-elected); vice-chairman, Mr. Perry, and recording secretary, Dr. Barnes, (re-elected).

The Board adopted the report and formula recommendations of the Education Commission. Dr. Levon

Moore, Pontotoc, chairman.

The 1973 distribution of Christian education funds will be 40% for administration, 4% for ministerial student enrollment, 2.5% for School of Nursing at Mississippi College, 5% for support of the Commission.

The report included enrollments of the four colleges as of Oct. 15 as follows:

Blue Mountain, 403; Clarke, 218; Mississippi College, 3781; Wm. Carey, 1569.

Ministerial students: Blue Mountain, 55; Clarke, 61; Mississippi College, 128; Wm. Carey, 98.

Nursing students: Mississippi College, 128; Wm. Carey, 88.

Christian Action Commission Plans "Listening" Series

Members of the Christian Action Commission are sponsoring a series of listening sessions over the state. Each man is sponsoring one or more to which he personally is inviting men among his profession or from the business, professional or academic community within a short radius from his home. The purpose of the listening is to get an input of ideas from these knowledgeable Baptists as to

concerns the Commission should emphasize in the light of the program assignment from the Convention. The seven programs assigned are The Christian Family, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Moral and Social Problems, Pornography, Human Relations, Christian Citizenship and Church and State.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Commission, will attend each session. Listening luncheons or dinners will be held at Cleveland, Tupelo, Starkville, Mississippi College, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Piquette, Collins, Brookhaven, Blue Mountain, Pascagoula, Southaven, and Clarke College. A special women's luncheon will be held in Jackson.

During this period of listening, concerned Baptists are invited to write to the Commission with any suggestion they may have with the assurance that all proposals will be given proper attention. Address the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

Members of the Commission are: Rev. Bill Duncan, Piquette; Mr. Gerald Kees, Brookhaven; Dr. Charles



The Convention Board is seen in session Nov. 28.

Third Evangelist

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engine plane crashed several miles south of the Nashville airport where Henry Bruce French, an associate evangelist and pilot for 20 years; and Barton Barrett, music director for the team.

Sadler died at the burn treatment center of Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio three days after the crash.

Fred Hubbs Resigns Missouri Post To Enter Evangelism

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—Fred D. Hubbs has resigned as director of associational administration for the Missouri Baptist Convention here to enter the field of full-time evangelism, effective Dec. 31, 1972.

Hubbs, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan for 13 years before accepting the Missouri position in January, 1971, will direct the work of the Midwest Evangelistic Association based here.

83% Of SBC Messengers Are Church Workers

NASHVILLE (BP)—A poll of 6,429 messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia disclosed that only 13.3 per cent of the participants were laymen or the wives of laymen.

In contrast, 82.8 per cent of the messengers were church staff members, denominational workers, missionaries or the wives of such professionals, the survey disclosed.

Results of the survey, conducted by the research services of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, varied only slightly from a similar survey conducted last year at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

In 1971, 84.4 per cent of the messengers classified themselves as church staff members, denominational workers, missionaries or the wives of such persons.

The survey disclosed this basic information about the messengers attending the 1972 convention:

Two-thirds of the messengers were men; two-thirds were between the

ages of 30 and 55; and one-half came from churches with more than 500 members.

Youth and women were in the minority. Only 4.7 per cent were under 18, and only 8.6 per cent were between the ages of 18 and 29.

Among the women, 24.9 per cent said they were married to a church

professional, and 3.8 per cent listed "homemaking" as their vocation.

In response to a question asking for vocational area, 9.5 per cent of the 6,429 messengers listed "Secular" or other employment.

In church vocations, the breakdown was as follows: 46.9 per cent, church staff; 1.8 per cent, home or

foreign missionaries; 3.3 per cent, associational workers; 2.9 per cent, state Baptist employees; 2.6 per cent, denominational; and 4 per cent, evangelism. (Not indicating vocational area, 3.9 per cent.)

The messengers were fairly evenly divided in age span between 30 and 55. About 10 per cent were between 30 - 35; about 15 per cent each between 35 - 40, 40 - 45, and 45 - 50; and about 10 per cent between 50-55. Above 55, the percentages dropped to 8.5 per cent for 55-59 and 9.8 per cent, ages 60 and up.

Other data obtained in the survey disclosed that about three-fourths drove to the convention by car; about half arrived on Monday; about half attended the pastor's conference; about half planned to stay for the final convention session; and about half had attended the 1971 convention in St. Louis.

Two-thirds of the messengers preferred either the first or second week in June for the annual session of the convention.

JACKSONVILLE BAPTIST HOSPITAL GETS \$2 MILLION CONTRIBUTION

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—Baptist Memorial Hospital, an independent institution formerly owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, has received a \$2 million contribution toward construction of its new seven-story doctors' building.

The gift was made by Mrs. Laurette J. Howard, wife of the late J. Arthur Howard who helped found the Independent Life and Accident Insurance Co., of Jacksonville. The new seven-story \$4 million doctors' building, will house offices and related services for about 80 physicians.

The hospital was until 1970 owned and operated by Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, with hospital units located in Jacksonville and in New Orleans. The convention meeting in Denver in 1970 voted to release the hospitals to a private, self-perpetuating board of trustees.



Education Commission Re-Elects Officers

Officers of the Convention's Education Commission were re-elected at a meeting held recently at the Baptist Building. They are, from left:

Dr. J. B. Young, Ellsville, vice-chairman; Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, chairman, and Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton, recording secretary.

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EDITORIAL

Bright Prospects For Mississippi Baptists

The new organizational year for the Mississippi Baptist Convention is well under way. New officers were elected at the recent convention, and last week the Convention Board met and chose its leadership for the coming year, including officers and an Executive Committee. The spirit of the Convention Board meeting was like that of the recent convention, one of unity and optimism. Because of this year 1973 and the years to follow it, well could be some of the finest years Mississippi Baptists ever have known.

The convention gave approval to the largest budget goal of its history, an overall goal, including an advance section, of \$5,200,000, and through this it will carry out the greatest missionary program ever adopted by Baptists in this state.

At the state convention Dr. Hudgins suggested some yearly emphases for the next four years, and these were

unanimously approved by the Board as a suggested program for Mississippi Baptist promotion and work in these years just ahead. The ideas for the goals came out of Dr. Hudgins' conferences with staff personnel and with pastors and leaders across the state.

The year 1973 already had been set as a year of Evangelism, following up the emphasis on Sunday School enlargement which has been the program this year. The emphasis of this coming year will be under the leadership of Rev. Roy Collum, Director of the Department of Evangelism of the Board. Evangelism will be stressed in every area of the convention board program, and churches are being urged to give a greater emphasis to evangelism in 1973 than ever before in their history. Preaching evangelism, mass evangelism, teaching evangelism, lay evangelism, youth evangelism, and every other type of emphasis

which will strengthen and spread Christian witness will be promoted. In coordinating the program Mr. Collum will use every resource that is available to help the churches achieve a greater outreach for Christ this year.

For the three years following this, Membership Development will be emphasized in 1974, Stewardship and Missions in 1975, and Christian Patriotism in 1976.

Mr. Kermit King, Director of the Church Training Department of the Convention Board will be coordinator of the 1974 program. Rev. John Alexander, Director of the Stewardship Department, and Miss Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, will serve as co-chairmen in directing the 1975 emphasis. Dr. Clark Hensley, Director of the Christian Action Commission will be coordinator of the 1976 emphasis.

We salute Dr. Hudgins and the Convention Board for their wisdom in doing this long range planning, and projecting the emphases for the coming four years. These yearly programs are so closely related that there should be no difficulty in moving out of one into the other, and indeed they will complement one another.

As this four year period of special emphases begins, several other events happening at the same time should make this a glorious period indeed. The churches and denomination will be carrying out their regular programs as in the past; the projected drive for funds to rebuild Gulfshore soon will be started; construction of the new facilities for the Mississippi Baptist Hospital now is under way, and advance continues in the various other Baptist institutions in the state. All of this adds up to a prospect of challenging and exciting work in Baptist circles in Mississippi during the next few years.

We rejoice in the spirit of vision and advance being manifested by our leaders and our churches, and we predict that a wonderful era is just ahead for our convention and our churches.

A Milestone At Baptist Hospital

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson has reached another milestone in its illustrious history. Next week will see the official groundbreaking for the new \$35,000,000 facility, which, when completed about three years hence, will be one of the finest and most up to date medical units in the entire South.

This is a far cry from the beginning back in 1909 when two Jackson doctors gave to the convention, hospital facilities valued at about \$5,000. Yet, even in this small beginning the institution served, for during the year 1911, 160 patients were admitted. This had grown to 1,440 by 1920, and to 13,217 in the fiscal year 1947-48. During the latest year for which figures are complete, 1971, there were 19,866 patients. The present facility has 446 beds, and the new building will have 600. Much of

the present plant will be retained and renovated to provide even greater service by the institution.

Congratulations are extended to the Board of Directors of the hospital, to the administrator, Paul Pryor, and to the large hospital staff, all of whom have had a part in bringing the institution to this great hour in its history. In this day of complicated and highly organized life, the modern hospital with its numerous specialized departments, has become an essential part of daily living. There is no doubt that Mississippi Baptist Hospital, which already stands in such a key position in medical ministries in Mississippi, will have a far greater place when the new facilities are ready.

Mississippi Baptists are justifiably proud of this institution which bears their name, both for its glorious past and its promising future.

NEWEST BOOKS

BLESS THIS HOUSE by Anita Bryant (Fleming H. Revell, 156 pp., \$4.95) This very fine new book by Anita Bryant and her husband, Bob Green, is filled with interesting and amusing stories about Anita and her family, but more important, it is filled with the truths they have found and pass on to those who seek to build a Christian home. Prayer at the family altar is a very real part of this household. Anita and Bob give Christ all the credit for the family harmony and happiness they have found. The authors and their four children live in Miami Beach. (A special section of family photos taken by Bob Green is included in the book.)

HOW COME, GOD? by David M. Howard (A. J. Holman, 117 pp., \$3.95) Writing from his own personal experiences with pain, suffering, and death, the author shares his insights into the book of Job. (David Howard, many years missionary to Latin America, was a brother-in-law of Jim Elliott who at 28 was killed by Aucas Indians in Ecuador.)

ASK ME TO DANCE by Bruce Larson (Word Books, 117 pp., \$3.95) In this book the author discusses the "ministry of the cure of souls—one person helping another to become whole." Mr. Larson says that also there are many people of faith who "hunger for the dimensions of life in Christ which are beyond sincerity and commitment." He challenges the reader to believe in and listen to those who want help in finding fuller participation in every possibility of the Christian life.

501 VALUABLE FREE THINGS FOR WOMEN WHO LOVE TO SEW (GreyStone Press, 56 pp., paper, 25c) This amazing little book tells all you need to know to get free magazines, free patterns, posters, charts, filmstrips, free things on creative sewing, needlecraft, handicrafts, holiday decorations, etc. Order from SEWING, 17th Floor, 225 Park Ave., S., New York, N.Y. 10003.

EVERY DAY compiled by Scripture Union (A. J. Holman, \$3.95) Bible reading selections for each day of the year, each Scripture concerning a given topic. Indexed, and beautifully bound.

WISDOM FOR MODERN MAN (American Bible Society, 69 pp., paper) Handy, illustrated, highly readable edition of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes from the Old Testament in Today's English Version.

NOW LISTEN, MY FRIEND by Dan G. Kent (Convention Press, paper, 96 pp.) This Church Study Course book for youth is a challenge to young people to listen to the divinely inspired sages who wrote Proverbs. (Teaching procedures are by Marjory Goldfinch Ward.)

PATTERNS FOR PRAYER by V. Gilbert Beers (Fleming H. Revell, \$2.95, 95 pp.) A unique look at man's prayer needs, through a study of the prayers in the Gospels, Jesus and His disciples prayed for many of the same reasons people do today. Their prayers serve to instruct in ways of developing a better prayer relationship with God.

HOW TO FACE YOUR FEARS by Dav-

id Allan Hubbard (A. J. Holman, 140 pp., \$3.95) The Christian gospel includes an antidote for fear, and it is upon this antidote that Dr. Hubbard focuses the reader's attention.

TROUBLE DOESN'T HAPPEN NEXT TUESDAY by Sallie Chesham (Word Books, \$3.95, 160 pp.) In the inner city, trouble doesn't happen next Tuesday. It happens every day. Sallie Chesham, Salvation Army officer, worked in the Old Hat coffee house among the black gangs of Chicago. In this book are her unforgettable portraits of some people who were tough, but in spite of their toughness, were changed through the power of God.

JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL SAME by H. H. Hargrove (Vantage, 99 pp., \$3.95) The author is a native of Mississippi. His ministry has largely been in well-known churches in Texas, but he has been prominent in Baptist affairs and has written a number of books. This volume exalts the Lord Jesus Christ, dealing with what think ye of Christ; Jesus Christ: Virgin Born Son of God; Self Introduced Christ; Crucified Christ; The Risen Christ; and Jesus Christ the Eternal Saint. Each of these chapters include clearly outline studies of the questions involved. Here is a strong affirmation of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ presented by one who has preached the message concerning Him for many years. The reader will find these pages reaffirming his own faith in the wonderful truths concerning Jesus Christ.

RESPOND edited by Janice Corbett (Judson Press, paper, 143 pp., \$3.95) A resource book for youth ministry, this is the second volume of "Respond." It provides materials on themes such as the Bible, ecology, meditation, politics, and Eastern religions. Also included are sections on worship, drama, games, resource listings of books, films, etc. to supplement the youth program.

THE REPRODUCERS, NEW LIFE FOR THOUSANDS, by Chuck Smith with Hugh Steven (Regal, paper, \$1.95, 142 pp.) This is the story of Chuck Smith's ministry of love to young people in California beach communities. A small church, Calvary Chapel, has been the vessel for a dramatic spiritual revival among youth previously caught up in drugs, the occult, false religions, and pleasure. The author is Communications Consultant for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

A COMPANION TO THE NEW SCOTFIELD REFERENCE BIBLE by E. Schuyler English (Oxford, 165 pp., \$4.50) One of the most widely used Bibles today is the new Scofield Reference Bible which is a Bible printed in the King James Version. With some words corrected in the text, but with marginal notes and cross references, this new book simply tells the user of this reference Bible how to get the most out of the Scofield edition. The chapters explain how the references are used, points out the notes on various subjects and guides the student in the use of his Bible as a study tool. We are sure that many of those who have used Scofield Bibles through the years have not discovered all of the splendid things that have been put within their pages, simply because they have not known how to use them. This book is the key to that use.

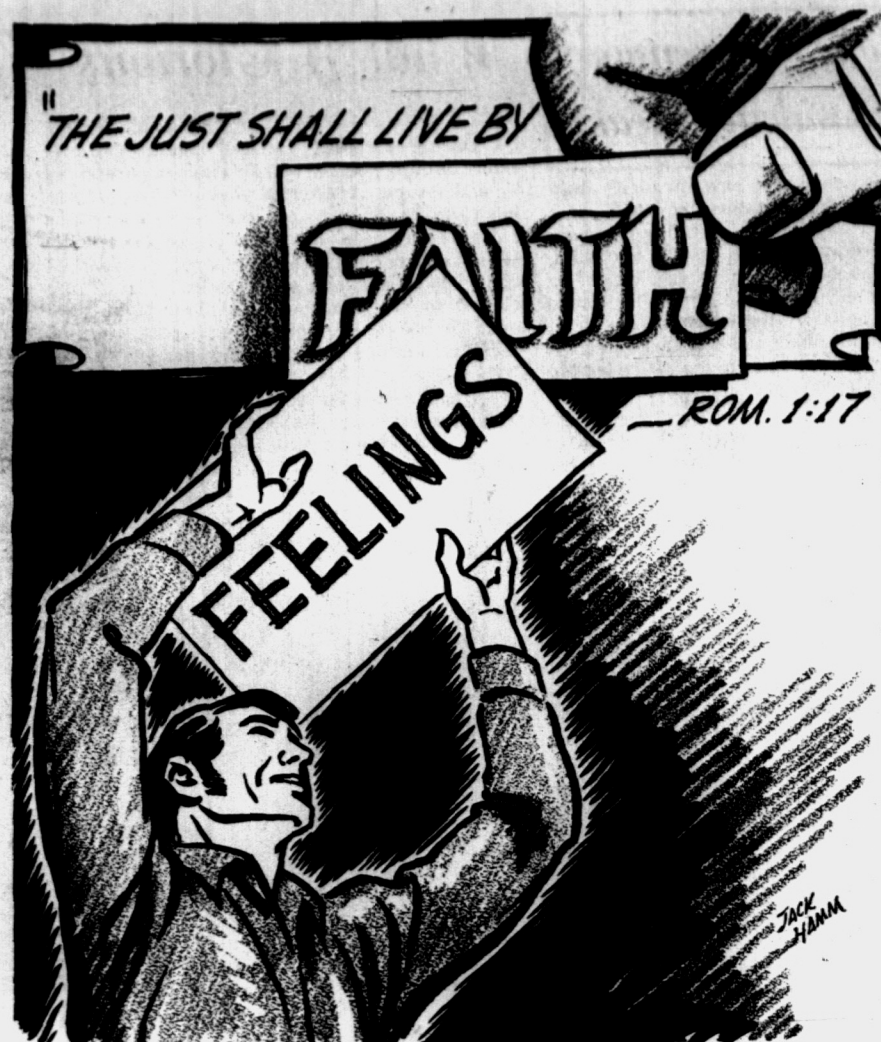
THE EVANGELIST by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, 274 pp., \$3.95) John R. Rice has been widely known as a Baptist evangelist for many years and is the author of numerous books on evangelism, soul-winning, and other Christian work. In this volume he discusses the work of the evangelist as an especially called man in the Christian field of labor. Included are discussions of his God-given place, work, importance, critics, defense, rewards, dangers, and other subjects. As always Dr. Rice's discussions are Bible centered, are clear in outline, and include many illustrations and applications. We think that any reader interested in understanding the great field of mass evangelism will find this to be a most helpful volume.

THE CROSS AND THE FLAG by Robert G. Clouse, Robert D. Linder, Richard P. Pierard (Creation House, 261 pp., \$2.95) The three men named with the title are editors, for here are essays by a larger number of America today and the evangelical relationship to it. The writers seek to interpret the relationship of conservative evangelical Christianity with the interests, values, and policies of Americanism.

On The MORAL SCENE...

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal Communications Commissioner Nicholas Johnson called television "the principal pusher to a junkie nation" and urged a grass-roots campaign for legislation to regulate TV drug advertising. "We've got a drug problem in America," Johnson told a panel of church people holding three days of public hearings on drugs and advertising. "It's called television." Earlier, the panel was told by the Proprietary Association, a group of the over-the-counter drug sellers, that its surveys indicate advertising has little impact on drug abuse. "It is quite significant," the association said, "that in industrial countries like Denmark, Norway and Sweden, where there is no television advertising of over-the-counter medicines, there are, nevertheless, very serious problems of drug abuse." Johnson told the panel there is a "very real danger that our current practice of self-medication through over-the-counter drugs is based on massive misinformation." He added, "There is a danger that our growing reliance on drugs may pose serious national health problems. There is even the possibility that our hedonistic reliance on drugs may be a debilitating social phenomenon." Johnson said he believes all broadcast advertising of over-the-counter drugs — particularly analgesics and mood-altering drugs — should be banned. (THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, 11-15-72)

Use of alcohol by drug addicts is contributing to liver disease in the addicts, three New York researchers report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Liver damage among addicts generally has been considered the result of viral hepatitis, transmitted by contaminated needles while injecting heroin into blood vessels. The study involved addicts in a methadone maintenance program. Of the first 100 patients, 85 reported consuming alcohol in quantities greater than 25 ounces of wine a day or its equivalent. (Wall Street Journal, 11-13-72)



Unscriptural Replacement

THE BAPTIST FORUM

David Gomes Has Eye Surgery - - Asks For Prayer

Dear Friend:

This is just a hurried note, I want to enlist your prayers for me. I am to be operated on between 1st and 4th of December. The doctor says I have only 30% light in mine eyes and it should be operated immediately.

I am confident that God is, allowing this discipline for my benefit. Last night, after the news, we had a circle of prayer inside the family and all children were very much confident of God's leading.

The Lord continues to bless. We have now 43 stations carrying the Word, and the work at the Bible Society encourages. We have had almost 100 (one hundred) manifestations in our services, since August.

Keep praying for me as I pray for you and think of you specially at this Happy Christmas Season.

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Urges Use Of New Study Course In Doctrinal Emphasis

My Dear Mr. Odle:

I read with interest and appreciation your timely editorial "The Importance of Doctrine" in the October 26, 1972, issue of *The Baptist Record*. When you wrote that doctrine is important, you struck a responsive chord in my heart. What you are doing in publishing articles on Baptist doctrine reinforces the work of the Sunday School Board.

Since doctrine is "the skeleton of any spiritual body that is formed," as you wrote, then Southern Baptists must see that they have the means by which to study the doctrinal beliefs that make us Baptists.

The New Church Study Course recognizes the importance of doctrinal studies and makes vital course material available to church members and leaders. The Church Training Program includes doctrine in its ongoing studies and recommends Doctrinal Emphasis Week (the next one is April 16-20, 1973) as an additional study opportunity. Every support and encouragement you can give to Doctrinal Emphasis Week will reinforce and undergird your own efforts through *The Baptist Record*.

I can only add that if churches ignore the faithfulness of the new Church Study Course in providing meaningful studies in Christian doctrine, then our denomination is in for some difficult times. Furthermore, I believe that the use of the Church Training hour on Sunday evening for every kind of activity, but member and leader training that includes the study of Baptist doctrine will raise up Southern Baptists who do not know "what they believe and why they believe it."

I'm with you, Brother Editor. It is time for all Southern Baptists to recognize the importance of doctrine and to ensure both the ongoing and special study of doctrine in the churches.

J. William Thompson
Church Study Course Coordinator
S.S. Bd. SBC, Nashville

EDUCATION...what's happening

A Word To Teachers: Know Your Students

Historically throughout the world it has always been held that the most effective relationship between student and teacher is one of affection and respect, and I would personally stress the latter term. But with the shattering growth of our universities in the past two decades no affection has really been possible, for most of the students and teachers simply don't know one another. Teachers must once again come to know



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It's December. The carnival ride sits still. Its lights are bright - red, green, blue, yellow, white. They twinkle and blink, shooting their spears of light all around at everyone.

The horses on the outside row have strange names gilded on their neck harnesses - Shopping, Partying, Cooking, Eating, Mailing, Visiting.

The callopie starts, wheezily piping out "Jingle Bells." The motor grinds the first turn of the ride, and I see the name: Merry - Christmas - Go - Round. I yell, "Hey, wait for me. I want to get on." And I do.

I climb on, walk to a horse, mount it, gather in the reins, lean back and leave my face and hair to the thrill of the wind, the thrill of the Merry Christmas - Go - Round. East, faster and faster. Fastest. Thrill changes to frustration. Faster. Then I look down at the name of my horse. In tinsel is spelled F-r-e-e-z-y. I look around for a horse with a better name. There is none. "Stop!" I yell. "I want to get off."

Nobody heard me. Nobody even saw me. Slowly I unmounted my steed and, steadying my balance, I walked to the edge of the Merry - Christmas - Go - Round and deliberately jumped off.

What do I do now? I asked myself. I'm all alone out here.

Then I heard a rustle in the shadows away from the lights and music. I walked toward it and came into a soft light glow and angel song. Sitting down and listening, I heard sounds like the munching a donkey makes eating hay and the soothing a mother makes loving her baby.

I must have come to Bethlehem, I thought. It's Mary talking to baby Jesus while the donkeys eat hay and the angels sing Him a lullaby, I added.

But I was wrong, sort of. I moved closer. The munch I heard was a crunching, not of a donkey's teeth against hay, but of the feet of young children against pavement. The angel song was theirs, and the light glow came from a porchlight. The talking was a "Thank you, thank you for singing to me."

It was not Bethlehem at all.

My head turned back, I could still hear from that far away whirl of light the sound of "Jingle Bells." But I felt as if I really had been in the presence of Jesus, and I sang "Joy to the World" the whole December time.

their students, must help those students to find purpose and identity, must provide a classroom which is both a cultural enrichment and also a preparation for a future life of satisfying activity. If respect for the classroom is to return, it is not enough that we merely avoid the old mistakes of the tedious lecture and the rote examinations. We must revive intellectual discipline, teach a love and respect for craftsmanship, a belief in striving and effort. I would personally be happy if a great deal of the present talk about creativity and "turning on" became a little more specific and responsible.

—Dr. Jack H. Adamson, professor of English at the University of Utah, speaking at the Utah Conference on Higher Education.

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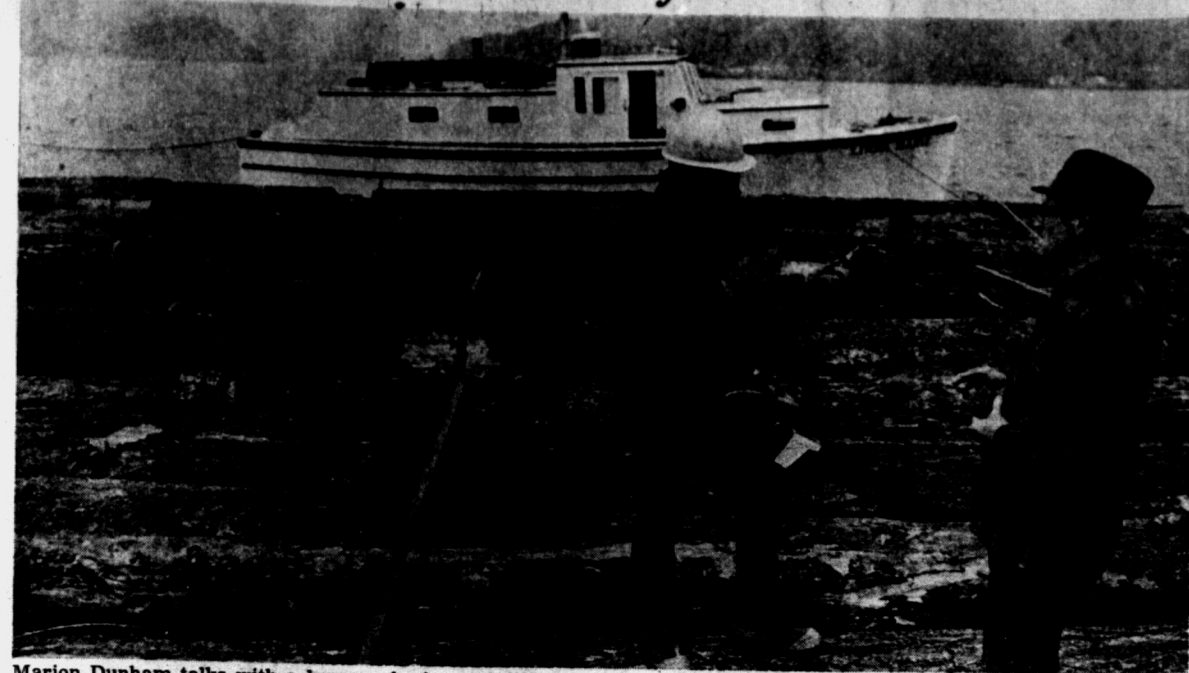
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Pastor Begins Boat Ministry In Alaska



Marion Dunham talks with a logger who is among those who Dunham plans to include in the boat ministry. (Home Board photo by Don Rutledge)



The Linda Marie docks with people bound for Orton Ranch, a Baptist camp which can only be reached by boat and by foot—a typical situation for most places in southeast Alaska. (Home Board photo by Don Rutledge)

In southeast Alaska, everybody either floats or flies. So Marion Dunham, who went to Alaska from Louisiana 12 years ago to be pastor of First Baptist Church in Ketchikan, started a radio ministry to reach the 28,000 people in the Ketchikan trade area.

But somehow, that wasn't enough. So last year he resigned his pastorate to begin a boat ministry to the landlocked communities in the area. He was immediately rehired by his church as "outreach pastor" with their blessing to build an extensive boat ministry and to continue with the radio ministry.

The church, with Home Mission Board help, with a membership of

only 300, traded \$700 and some unusable property for the Linda Marie, a 32-foot covered Coast Guard cabin cruiser.

Planning to visit logging camps and totally isolated communities among the 8,000 islands in southeast Alaska, Dunham figures he can provide a consistent ministry to about five communities — that leaves a lot untouched — but he can hold Vacation Bible Schools and services where God has no other representative.

For the future, Dunham envisions other Baptist churches on the peninsula starting similar boat ministries that eventually interlock into one network of floating churches.

These, Too, Are God's Sons

By Martha Hairston
Missionary, Brazil

"At my base we, too, are God's sons! We have never had a program like this."

The corporal wanted his unit included in the schedule civic-religious services for the armed forces during the weeks preceding and following Brazil's Independence Day — September 7.

Baptists thrill to the spirit of patriotism in the sesquicentennial of Brazil's Independence. Dom Pedro I's 1822 cry of "Independence or death!" echoes in Brazilian Baptists' nationwide evangelistic campaign of "Independence and Life."

For the third consecutive year, Recife Baptists have visited the armed forces before Independence Day, inviting the men to evangelistic services in the churches.

Each year, as director of the Seminary for Christian Educators, I have been responsible for the programs, and our school choirs have furnished the music.

In 1970 we visited four bases and had 415 men in the services. In 1971, there were 25 services with 3,400 attending. This year more than 5,000 heard the message of freedom and life in 31 services in and around Recife.

Laymen and servicemen are enthusiastic participants. They help with transportation, confirm schedules, preside at services and contact commanders.

One commander said at the close of a service: "To guarantee next year's program at a time when we can have not only our men but also

their families present, let us set the date now. The families need to hear this, too."

The troops have responded with enthusiastic and respectful participation. They have asked for extra copies of the Gospel of John for other servicemen and for members of their own families. Some have responded to the invitation to attend a nearby Baptist church.

One said he had sought spiritual help in two other religions but that neither had satisfied his hunger. During the service at his base, he felt that finally he had found the way to the truth.

A Christian soldier whose buddies had made fun of him before the program told of their seeking him out afterward to say what the service had meant to them.

Brazil's President Emilio G. Medici has challenged his people to a moral and cultural growth to parallel the nation's phenomenal industrial advances. God has opened doors previously closed to Baptist witness. His Spirit has gone before us preparing a receptivity beyond our most optimistic faith.

In September our seminary handbell choir and chorus participated in the Recife Masons' commemoration of the sesquicentennial with civil and military authorities present, including the mayors of Recife and Olinda. We are invited to hold a service for inmates of Recife's large prison in October.

Returning from a base one evening, a pastor told of the joy he experienced that day preaching to so many military men, "an opportunity completely unimaginable a few years ago."

These, too, are God's sons.

First Man Completes Requirements For Music Degree At BMC

On Monday December 4, in Garrett Auditorium, at Blue Mountain College, Paul Armstrong of Tupelo presented his senior voice recital. He is the first man to complete requirements for a Bachelor of Music degree from Blue Mountain College.

Armstrong is minister of music at Plantersville Church and resides with his wife and daughter at 2203 South Green Street in Tupelo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Armstrong, Sr. of Verona.

He sang songs composed by Beethoven, Purcell, Faure, Debussy, Massenet, and some twentieth-century music.

A reception was held in Mr. Armstrong's honor in the Faculty Room of Whitfield Residence Hall.



Baptists conducted services at 31 military bases in and around the city of Recife to observe the 150th anniversary of Brazilian Independence. The Seminary for Christian Educators, directed by Southern Baptist missionary Martha Hairston, furnished music for these programs. Here, during a service for the cavalry regiment of the military police in Pernambuco State, a seminary choir member gives a member of the regiment a recording by the handbell choir and madrigal singers. (Photo by Major Pedro Jofilsan)

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Are You A Puppet On A String?

By H. A. Tidwell,
Chaplain, Naval Training Center,
San Diego, Calif.

Whether the question is asked or not, quite often every person comes to the point where he thinks he is a puppet on a string! Everyday new attempts are made to attach "strings" to human responses. People are literally bombarded with proposals to believe something, feel something, buy something, or behave in a certain way.

That's the very reason why Pinocchio has been present in many chaplain's classes conducted in the Service Schools for the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. Along with a variety of other colorful visual aids, the impact is made that it is a difficult task to understand individual identity.

A fifteen minute film entitled, "You Haven't Changed a Bit," usually gets a lively discussion going after a brief introduction. Three important questions keep recurring. Where

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The triple exposure above would give the appearance that Chaplain H. A. Tidwell was doing something very unusual; however, it is a photographic collage depicting some of the visual aids used in the Service School Command's chaplain classes. (U.S. Navy Photo)

Urban Church Finds Way To Open Apartment Doors

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A Buenos Aires pastor whose church is surrounded by high-rise apartment buildings has led his congregation in a year-long campaign to gain entry to some of them.

The Rev. Guillermo Kratzig selected 1,000 names and addresses in his neighborhood from the telephone directory. Each month his church, Belgrano Baptist, sent a letter with a gospel message to each address.

Six weeks before Christmas the church began a telephone campaign. Contacting each home, a caller identified the church and asked permission to bring a gift — a copy of the modern-language New Testament, Dios Llega al Hombre (Spanish version of Good News for Modern Man).

Who made all these phone calls? Not a large committee of women, emphasizes Marion T. Lineberger, Southern Baptist missionary who is involved in urban ministries here. "It was a crippled man sitting in his wheelchair," Lineberger explains. "Hour upon hour, day after day, he kept the church telephone busy calling each person on the list, telling them of the offer of a New Testament and that a visitor would come to deliver it."

Of the 1,000 telephoned, "thirty" accepted the offer and opened their doors to visitors from the church. The team of visitors, trained in witnessing and soul-winning, went each day to deliver the New Testaments and talk with the apartment dwellers. "In almost every case," says Lineberger, "they were able

to discuss the gospel freely and openly with interested listeners."

Each person visited was invited to attend a special Christmas drama at the church. When the night came the building was packed, and many persons who had been visited were present.

The project had another happy outcome. News of the crippled man's service spread, and one day the pas-

tor received a phone call. Shalom Levi, who was not only crippled but also blind, had been wanting to serve the Lord. Could he attend the church? And could he become a member? Could someone come to get him?

After visiting him, Kratzig made arrangements for Levi's transportation. The handicapped man wished to participate in the telephone ministry of the church, but his blindness pre-

sented a problem: he could not read the names and telephone numbers.

A tape recorder was beyond financial reach of the church, but some of Levi's relatives responded to the need and provided one.

"Now the pastor records the list of names and telephone numbers," says Lineberger, "giving another believer an avenue of service as an important evangelistic ministry is carried on."

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Names In The News

Ronnie Hague, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hague of Petal, was ordained to the Gospel ministry on Sunday night, November 19, at First Church, Bay St. Louis. He is serving as minister of music and youth at First Church, Bay St. Louis, where he has been for the past three years. He felt a call to the ministry in August of 1970.



Orion L. Waters, manager of Peach Creek Baptist Assembly, Houston, Tex., for the past four years, has been named supervisor of the food services section at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico. Effective January 15, 1973, Waters' position will involve planning, coordinating, supervising and evaluating the work of the food services section at Glorieta.

Mark Taylor, son of Kenneth N. Taylor, who translated "The Living Bible, Paraphrased," will be heard on "MasterControl" in December. Young Taylor, sixth of ten children of Kenneth N. Taylor, will talk about his childhood, his present activities and his future plans in relationship to his father's work as head of Tyndale House, publishers of "The Living Bible, Paraphrased." The interview with Taylor, now attending Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, will be heard December 10.

Anis Shorrosh was evangelist for a revival at Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, November 19-22. Mr. Shorrosh, currently of Mobile, Alabama, is a native of Nazareth, Israel. Dr. M. Douglas Clark is pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church. Souls were won to Christ; many life commitments were made; many renewals of pledges as Christians were made. Dr. Stanley R. Richison, Chairman of the Blue Mountain College Music Department, was in charge of music. Pianist and Organist for the revival were Mrs. James L. Travis and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan.



At Johnston Station Church near Summit, two families have completed a combined total of perfect attendance at Sunday school of 50 years. They are the Earl Brown family of seven, to the left of the above picture, and Pastor Eddie King's family of seven, to the right of the picture. Seven of these fourteen have completed from five to nine years of perfect attendance. They are Rita Brown, seven years; Leslie Brown, five; J. UDY Brown, five; Edwina King, nine; Tricia King, six; Rev. Eddie King, pastor, nine; and Tim King, eight. Others of the Brown family have two years and others of the King family have one year perfect attendance. This past year was the highest Sunday school average attendance in the history of the Johnston Station Church.

First, Moss Point Salutes Hannaford On 10th Anniversary

On November 12, First Church, Moss Point, saluted J. T. Hannaford for his ten years of faithful service as their music director. The day's celebration was spearheaded by the pastor, Rev. Bobby Perry.

Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was surprise guest for that day, along with the Hannafords' children, Jan and Jim, students at the University of Southern Mississippi.

At the close of the special service, J. T. was presented a Book of Letters from friends throughout Mississippi and other parts of the country. Also he was given a check of over \$800. A reception was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford.

Native of Calhoun City, Mr. Hannaford graduated from Vardaman High School and attended New Orleans Seminary. His wife is the former Pearl Conaway of Tupelo. Their three children are David, who works in Baltimore, Maryland; Jim, minister of music at First, Prentiss; and Jan, organist for First, Prentiss.

Other churches Mr. Hannaford has served include Central, Hattiesburg; First, Tupelo; Eden, Denham Springs, La.; and First, Columbia.



Deacon 25 Years

In a recent service at Broadmoor Church, Gulfport, E. C. Fairley, right, was honored for his long and faithful service to the church as a deacon, the church made him an honorary deacon of Broadmoor for life. He is being presented a plaque memorializing the occasion, by E. B. Thames, who also has been honored as an honorary lifetime deacon of the church. Mr. Fairley is a charter member of Broadmoor and has served the church more than twenty-five years as a deacon. Dr. J. D. Aycock is pastor.

Revival Dates

Bolton Church: youth - led revival; Dec. 8, 9, and 10; Bobby Fancher, a Presidential Scholar and sophomore at Mississippi College, preacher; Warren James, also a sophomore at M. C., in charge of music; services Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Believed To Be Record For Woman Treasurer

Foxworth Honors Mrs. Koen-- 27 Years As Church Treasurer



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pictured with Mrs. B. B. Koen, delivered the message at First, Foxworth, on the Sunday the church honored Mrs. Koen for her 27 years of service as church treasurer.

In 1925, when Calvin Coolidge occupied the White House, a young woman was elected as treasurer of First Church at Foxworth. She was Mrs. B. B. Koen, young postmistress of the town. Recently her church, under the leadership planning of pastor Ray Pridgen, held an appreciation service honoring this lovely Christian lady for 47 continuous uninterrupted years of loyal and efficient service in the position of church treasurer.

Mrs. Koen was born Ida Barkley in Jones County in 1898 and was reborn into God's Kingdom as a young girl of 14 in 1912. She was married to the late B. B. Koen in 1924. As she served the Foxworth Post Office, he concurrently served in the Columbia Post Office, making their total postal service nearly 100 years.

Across the years in her position, she has received and disbursed funds totaling nearly one million dollars—somewhere between eight and nine hundred thousand. Mrs. Koen's financial reports to the church have always been punctual and accurate. There is no knowledgeable information of any member ever holding her records in question. Her work has been reported with both thoroughness and detail.

In the appreciation service, planned largely as a surprise to her, she was escorted to a front pew by deacon chairman L. H. Williamson. Senior Deacon Murry M. Graves led the opening prayer. Billy C. Bourne spoke briefly of the church's love and appreciation for Mrs. Koen and everyone's desire to honor her.

A "Book of Remembrance," containing cards and letters of congratulation from church members as well as from dignitaries at national and state levels in sacred and secular positions, was presented her by deacon Bobby Barber. Ronnie Parker, church minister of music and youth, read the First Psalm and Mrs. C. C. Poole presented the honoree with a gold watch, a gift from the church.

Following choral worship, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary treasurer, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, preached the sermon, using the New Testament Lydia as a Scriptural background for his message.

Mrs. Koen's tenure of service is believed to be a record for a lady church treasurer, in Mississippi and perhaps across the Southern Baptist Convention.

McBee (Lowndes) Burns Note

McBee Church, Lowndes County, recently held a noteburning in which six deacons participated: Franklin Duckworth, Franklin Huckaby, W. D. McDill, Thomas Hughes, Charles Thomas, and Tom Upton.

"It's a small church but there was happiness to be debt-free on an up-to-date church building," reports one of the members.

Some of the most recent pastors have been Rev. J. Vernon Holliman, Rev. James Duke, and Rev. Dewey Flora. They have called Rev. S. E. O'Brien, to take charge December 17.

The church, five miles from Columbus on Highway 5, has RAS, WMU Aetecns, Church Training, and Sunday School.

Emergency Call For Used Shoes

The McDowell Road Church, Jackson, is ministering to a village in north central Mexico. The missionary has recently appealed for an emergency need of good, used shoes for adults and children. The shoes need to be a type that can be worn in rugged, rocky desertland.

Anyone having good, used shoes they would wish to share with these wonderful people, mail them to McDowell Road Baptist Church, 1020 McDowell Road, Jackson, Miss., 39204. A Christmas delivery is planned.



Club Makes Gift For Montana Suits

The Central Allied Florist Club of Jackson has given \$150.00 to the fund being raised to provide 50 Baptist pastors in Montana with new suits of clothes for Christmas. Bennie Hooper, club treasurer, (left), is seen handing check to T. Cooper Walter of Jackson, treasurer and member of the "suit" committee of the State Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee, while Baxter E. Pridgen, florist club member, looks on approvingly.

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When Life Passes You By

Gen. 39:21-40:23

By Bill Duncan

She was a readhead. Just a subtle and sweet as she could be. As the service closed, she stepped forward to give her heart to Jesus. Her mother told the pastor afterward about what happened that night when they got home. "Beth has always been afraid of the dark," her mother confided. "So each night we would leave a light on in the closet of her room. It gave enough light to satisfy her. But that night after she accepted Christ as Saviour, she changed."

Last Sunday night Beth said, "Mother, you can turn out the light to-

night. I have Jesus with me. I won't be afraid."

That kind of faith is based upon the idea that Jesus is with us in all the circumstances of life. He is with us when the lights go out and life seems to pass us by.

To Joseph in prison it did seem that he had been put on a side track while life passed by. But his life was still going on and the experience of being on the side was part of the whole picture. Joseph knew that God was there with him and this helped. I do not always see every experience as being the direct result of God's hand. Some things happen that are the results of someone else's actions. But God is able to help us even when the light is turned off. Trust God. He knows more than you; He sees more than you; He works at more ends of a situation than you are aware of; He has a timetable that would mysti-

fy you. He will be faithful in his divinity if only we are proportionately faithful in our humanity.

What are we to do when life falls in? Pull the cover of the top over our heads and die? One writer said, "We have no right to ask God to open doors that we ourselves can open." God has given us certain muscles to be used.

When we are Christians, we are called on to believe in ourselves. To receive Christ as Savior, we must exercise our faith. To keep on the Way, we must walk in faith. Life is an upward path. The strain of life is to help us grow. The more difficult the adventure, the more we need to respect ourselves and love God. Tough roads build faith. But the faith is not blind and foolish. A Christian can develop spiritual perception where he will not rely upon emotion or impulse. God, who is with us, is

the source of confidence. "If God is for us who can be against us?" You plus God make a majority.

A poor man was sitting on the corner of a street selling pencils when a person who knew the beggar was a Christian came by. The person questioned the beggar by saying, "Why are you begging? Don't you believe that God will take care of you?" The beggar simply replied, "I am sure that God tells someone to take care of me, but they forgot." This was the part of the reason for Joseph thinking that life had passed him by. The butler had dreamed a dream and he was puzzled. Joseph had the ability to interpret dreams and this was why he was in trouble. He dreamed he was to be powerful and told his brothers and they got rid of him by selling him as a slave (Gen. 37:5-11). When Joseph interpreted the dream in the name of God, he took the number three to mean that in three days the butler would be back in good graces with Pharaoh. Joseph then asked him, "Remember me... to Pharaoh." But how human was the butler's forgetfulness!

Joseph dreamed of freedom but it

did not come. For two more years he had to be confined to the prison life before the butler remembered him. I am sure that Joseph thought the world pretty grim from his viewpoint. But sometimes we need that kind of viewpoint. Sometimes we profit from testing.

Paul the apostle had a similar experience of being put in prison, but he did not waste his time in self-pity. He wrote letters and ministered to those who visited with him.

Joseph appears not to have given way to bitterness. He was put in charge of the prison and lived a profitable life. All of us can profit from Joseph's example. Most likely we all will be put in the prison of sickness, grief, or confinement. But the time does not have to be wasted. We can continue to live, and live we must. Joseph became the manager of the prison in which he lived. Do you manage your prison? Are you in charge as you should be?

How often a person who feels life

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has passed him by can learn from another who has had a similar experience! One night I was called to the hospital to visit a child who had suffered a brain concussion, from a bike accident. The mother was beside herself in shock and fear. I sat with them until after the critical time had passed. The next afternoon when I visited with the family the mother said, "I thought that my child was the only one ever to have such an accident. When other mothers told me how this had happened to them, I was greatly relieved. Please tell them thank you for me." It does help to share our similar experiences with those who feel life has passed them by. This is why I think the Senior Citizen Clubs are so fine. People will give up in loneliness. But friends help. Joseph was very helpful to the butler. But learn not to forget those who have befriended us.

Sunday School Lesson: International

The Chosen People Become A Nation Against God

By Clifton J. Allen

Jeremiah 2:1-19; 3:6 to 5:31

The nation that should have been a nation under God actually became a nation against God. The chosen people of Israel were an elect race. God chose them out from all other nations to become a holy nation, set apart for his self-revelation to mankind and his redemptive purpose for all peoples. Israel was indeed a covenant nation. The Northern Kingdom of Israel became utterly faithless, played the harlot through Baalism, and fell before Assyria, the agent of God's judgment. Judah, who should have learned from the experience of Israel, thus showed herself more faithless through her perversity and infidelity. These could have but one outcome: the judgment of destruction, which Jeremiah proclaimed to the people of Jerusalem. How unbelievable that a nation so favored, so mercifully treated by the Lord, so patiently instructed by his prophets, could turn against the Lord in stubborn rebellion!

The Lesson Explicated
INSISTENT AND GRACIOUS ENTREATY

God's word to Judah through Jeremiah was one of repeated and urgent entreaty. Jeremiah voiced God's amazement at the hardheartedness of his people — so perverse and foolish and rebellious and ungrateful. God remembered the devotion of his people in their youth. After centuries in the Promised Land, they were blind to their holy heritage, they ignored their covenant obligation, they followed other gods with lustful passion, and they treated with indifference their heinous sin. The people had forgotten their merciful deliverance from bondage in Egypt and the way God had preserved them with lovingkindness and mighty power. In spite of their wickedness, God pleaded through Jeremiah: "Return, thou backsliding Israel"; But the people spurned God's grace and ignored his entreaties, heaping up to themselves the agony

of suffering and the ruin of destruction.

STUPID AND REBELLIOUS PEOPLE (vv. 21-25)

The people of Judah had become utterly faithless. They were a "foolish people, and without understanding." So hardened were they in the corruption of evil and the stupidity of pride that they felt no reverential regard for God, no awesome fear of his holiness and his judgment. The mighty God, whose power created barriers for the sea, whose purposes and power established and controlled the seasons and the rains and all the things of nature, was regarded by the people with presumptuous indifference. They were stupid to forsake God, who had done so much for them and who was their hope of security. They were stupid to turn to idols, vain and helpless things; their worship encouraged disgraceful immorality and corruption. Linked with their stupidity was stubborn rebellion. They were defiled by their Baals, whom they followed with lust. How then can we understand their "stupid" and rebellious heart? The answer is that they were wedded to their iniquities and joined to their sins.

CONTEMPT AND FAITHLESS LEADERSHIP (vv. 26-31)

The apostasy of Judah seemed almost complete. This is implied by the Lord's instruction to Jeremiah to search through the streets of Jerusalem and try to find the man who practiced justice and sought truth (5:1). Though God wanted to pardon Judah, he had to charge them with committing adultery and trampling to the houses of harlots, likely a charge indicating both idolatry and immorality. Wicked men laid traps to catch their fellowmen. Hence the people were marked by treachery, taking advantage of one another. Their wickedness knew no bounds; they had no concern for the orphans, no will-

ingness to defend the rights of the needy. Prophets and priests were given over the falsehood, and the people not only agreed to perversity but seemed to rejoice in it. The judgment of the Lord was about to break upon them. Jeremiah's unanswered question, "What will ye do in the end thereof?" points to their utter helplessness and ruin.

Truths to Live By

The entreaties of God are the measure of his love. — His electing purpose and covenant love should have inspired loyalty and devotion in return. But it did not. God's heart was rung with pain because of the folly and waywardness of his people. His steadfast love, however, was full of compassion, long-suffering, and merciful, willing to forgive all their sins, and eager to bestow the blessings of his healing and comfort and restoration. God's love is never conditioned by the merits or the response of his people. His love is constant in spite of their disobedience and their rebellion. He yearns to forgive and to cleanse his wayward people.

Wickedness will bring its judgment and destruction. — The people of Judah forsook the Lord, and hence they were in a state of rebellion and time of trouble. They rejected God, and he therefore left them to the outcome of their wicked way.

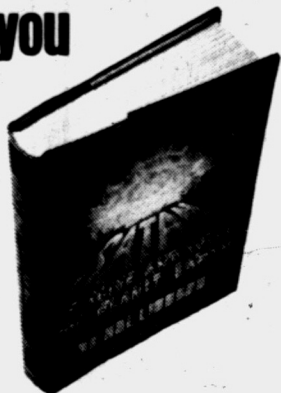
The favor of God ought to inspire fidelity to God. — God's blessings and mercies are without number. His favor finds expression in the bounty of material blessings and the glorious

wonder of his grace in Jesus Christ. It is God who richly gives to people every good and every perfect gift. And into the life of every true believer the Spirit of Christ has come to abide as counselor and helper. What more of the favor of God could we ever desire? What then ought to be our response? The answer is simple but the meaning tremendously challenging. Our fidelity should find expression in faithful worship. It should find expression in allegiance to Christ the Lord which shall overcome selfishness and hardness and trial and doubt. It should find expression in the spirit of praise and the confidence of hope as long as we live.

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Devotional

"O Zion, Haste!"

By C. H. Melton, Clarke College Faculty

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:13-15 AV).

Whatever else may be said about Paul, it is true to state that he possessed a genuine concern for lost people everywhere and endeavored to give expression to his concern. Both in his missionary engagements and his epistles one recognizes this fact. Nowhere, however, is the quality of Paul's missionary concern more eloquently stated and more forcefully expressed than in the verses quoted above.

These verses have been used often by preacher and poet through sermon in song to challenge individuals to genuine concern for the unsaved, to missionary commitment, and to personal involvement in missions support. One appropriate example is the hymn "O Zion, Haste," by Mary A. Thompson. Its words are not only Biblical and pertinent, but inspiring and appealing. These words speak of a commission which belongs to God's people, of a condition of which God's people need clearly to be aware, and of a call to some actions which God's people need desperately to take.

At this particular time of the year—the week when many churches are engaged in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and initiating their emphasis upon the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—it seems most fitting to reflect upon the words of this beloved hymn and let its message stir our hearts.

In stanza one the theme the COMMISSION of God's people is strongly heard. "O Zion, haste, thy mission, high fulfilling. To tell to all the world that God is Light; That He who made all nations is not willing One soul should perish, lost in shades of night." It is indeed the commission of God's people "to tell . . . the world that God is Light" (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8). This commission can be and will be carried out only if and when God's people have the same compassion for the peoples of the world that God possesses (2 Peter 3:9).

Stanza two clearly describes a CONDITION of which God's people need to be aware. "Behold how many thousands still are lying, Bound in the darksome prison house of sin, With none to tell them of the Saviour's dying, Or of the life He died for them to win." One needs only to look around him to see the depth of darkness and despair in which those about him find themselves and the devastation and doom which sin is working within and upon them. One needs only to read the daily newspaper or watch the current news telecast to be made fully aware of the universality and completeness of the power of Satan in human life.

Finally, the fourth stanza of the hymn clearly and with force issues a CALL to actions which God's people need immediately to take. "Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious; Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way; Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious; And all thou spendest Jesus will repay." Is it not these things to which Paul so eloquently calls attention in the text? How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

This devotional message is not a denominational promotion but an earnest personal appeal. It has been the writer's privilege to visit several countries of the world, the most recent of which were Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. In all of these he was greatly impressed by the multitudes to be reached for Christ, their readiness to hear the simple gospel of eternal life, and the great need for additional missionaries on these fields. He would, therefore, join with Paul (Rom. 10:15) and Isaiah (Isa. 52:7) in sounding the challenge "Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release."



Miss Bengie and Mr. Jones

Carey Alumni Working At Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE — Old Carey College editors never die, they just go away to write another day.

Off The Record

The preacher was describing the Day of Judgment. "Lightning will crackle," he said, "thunder will boom, rivers will overflow. Flames will shoot down from the heavens. The earth will quake violently, darkness will fall over the world."

Whereupon a small boy in the front pew piped up to ask his daddy, "Do you think they'll let school out early?"

She'd Heard of It

The woman spent several minutes looking at the thermometers in a drugstore. Finally she picked one out.

"I'll take this, Fahrenheit one," she told the clerk. "I know it's a good brand."

That Settles It

Wife: We'll have to eat out. The electricity went off.

Husband: But, honey, we have a gas stove.

Wife: Yes, but we have an electric can opener.

Brace Up!

Now that so many doctors refuse to make house calls, you have to be in pretty good health to find out what's wrong with you.

Kathie Bengie and Paul Jones, a pair of old William Carey College editors, now alumni, are alive and well at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jones, 1964 graduate, is an editor of preschool materials in the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board. He served as editor of the "Crusader" during his senior year at Carey College.

Miss Bengie, 1972 graduate, is a Broadman press copywriter in the Broadman trade sales department of the Sunday School Board. She was editor of the "Cobbler" during the 1971-1972 school year, and also was "Miss Carey College" ranking in the top ten at the 1972 Miss Mississippi Pageant.

In 1968 Jones joined the Sunday School Board as editor of preschool and children's materials. He assumed his present position in 1971 as one of the few male preschool editors or consultants at the Sunday School Board.

"I love to work with children," Jones explained. "It's a challenge and an adventure because few men are involved in this area. The first five years determine how a child will grow up," he continued. "I want to help local churches understand what is important for children."

Besides his editing responsibilities Jones conducts preschool and children's leadership conferences throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a member of several organizations for persons involved with children under six years of age.

Miss Bengie joined the Sunday School Board in August, 1972. Her major responsibility is to create, develop and write advertising and publicity copy for Broadman Press products.

39 Professions Of Faith During Parchman Revival

"We're giving thanks for our Thanksgiving week revival," J. D. Lundy, assistant superintendent, at Parchman. "The Lord blessed our efforts with 39 professions of faith and 14 rededications."

Lundy, recently appointed to his post after serving as director of chaplain services, said that the musical evangelical team of Don Boyett and Dennis Day of Greenville conducted the five-day revival at the Mississippi State Penitentiary in the chapel adjacent to First Offenders Camp.

The services were limited to inmates quartered at First Offenders and the Women's Camp. Some 200 inmates attended the services. The services were youth oriented with emphasis on music and song followed by services led by Mr. Boyett.

The music ministers are sponsored by the Washington County Association of Missions.

Lundy announced that, in keeping with Supt. John Allen Collier's religious emphasis in rehabilitation, further revivals will be held in an effort to reach a maximum number of inmates.

Bellevue (Lamar) To Mark 20th Year

Bellevue Church, Lamar County, will observe their twentieth anniversary with homecoming on December 10.

The day's features will include Sunday school at 9:45 and morning worship at 11, lunch at the church, and an afternoon service at 1:30. "Everyone is invited," says the pastor, Rev. James L. Yates.

Pascagoula's Calvary Sanctuary Choir To Present Original Dramatic Musical

The 60-Voice Sanctuary Choir of Pascagoula's Calvary Church, will present an original dramatic musical entitled, "THE PRAYING HANDS," Sunday, December 10, 7:30 p. m.

A 10 by 27 foot hand-painted replica of Albrecht Durer's famous "Praying Hands" will be encased in a frame to cover the entire baptistry area. This painting will be created by Mrs. Sharon Moorehead, a member of the choir's dramatic committee, on silk organza. Characters will be live but will be costumed to give the effect of marble statues.

The Christmas theme will be dominant, but the central theme of the



Dinner-on-the ground: Crestwood's 55th birthday



Fashion show at Crestwood — Mrs. Myers, the lady on extreme right is wearing a skirt which belonged to her grandmother over a hundred years ago.



Rev. and Mrs. Carlie Hill, pastor and wife at Crestwood



The women at the well, and a view of the Coffee Shoppe.

Crestwood Celebrates 55th Year

Crestwood Church, Jackson, the third oldest inner city Baptist church in the Hinds - Madison Association, celebrated their 55th anniversary with "Old Fashioned Homecoming Day," October 15, 1972.

Pascagoula's Calvary Sanctuary Choir To Present Original Dramatic Musical

program will be to encourage a deeper prayer life.

Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the choir and program, will be assisted at the piano by Mrs. Van Graham, and Mrs. Larry Hollingsworth at the organ. Serving as chairmen heads of the over-all dramatic committee are: Mrs. Lauree Burkes, Mrs. Mary Ellen Weaver, Mrs. Frances Merritt, Billy Joe Hallmark, Owen Stokes, and Jim Weaver.

Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, and Buddy Mathis, youth evangelist, will serve as narrators.

Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor, invites the public to attend.

The morning worship service was a spiritual high with over 500 in attendance. Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Church, Memphis, was guest speaker at 11 and brought a message on "The Lordship of Christ". The message for the afternoon service was brought by Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record.

After the morning worship hour, everyone enjoyed dinner - on - the grounds. Also participating in the program for the day were several former pastors and members.

The music for the day was inspirational, under the leadership of Charles Barker, minister of music at Crestwood. Appearing were choirs from: Baptist Children's Village, directed by Mrs. Jan Nix; Terry Church, directed by Mrs. Walter Berryhill; and Emmanuel Church, directed by Dr. Charles Clark, manager of the Baptist Book Store. The Barbershop Quartet was composed of the Sills Brothers - T. D., Jr., Glen, Billy Joe, and Jerry.

Special events for the day were a visit to "Crestwood City" located

in the Fellowship Hall. Among the "buildings" were the livery stable, jail, Coffee Shoppe, general store, church, and barbershop. Many antiques of yesteryear were on display. A special attraction was the Fashion Show - featuring the styles of long ago. One of the members was wearing an ensemble which belonged to her grandmother over a hundred years ago. All the ladies were lovely in their long dresses and gay bonnets. The men were dashing in their striped shirts, overalls, or straw hats and mustaches. The children were dressed accordingly in their long dresses or knickers.

Rev. Carlie Hill is pastor.

People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened. — John W. Newbern

To grow tall spiritually, a man first must have to kneel.

Jumping at conclusions is about the only exercise some people get.

First, Potts Camp Receives Chimes

Dedication ceremonies are being planned for the "MagneBell" tape player to be installed in First Church, Potts Camp. This announcement was made by Rev. Joe Epting, pastor, who said that the instrument is a gift from Mrs. Helon Alvis in memory of Robert Alvis.

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"My experiences at Carey College, especially working on the 'Cobbler,' Miss Bengie said, 'did a great deal to prepare me for my work here at the Sunday School Board.'"

William Carey expected "great things from God," and attempted great things for God through Baptist work at the Sunday School Board.

Are You A Puppet? --

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have you been? Where are you now? where are you going? Too often students realize that the old television series, "The Fugitive," has become a part of their lives because they have been unwilling to confront an issue and stay with it to completion.

Near the conclusion of the presentations, a worksheet is given to each student with the following heading: "If you could have the ideal life, what would it be like?" Eight human values are listed beneath the caption and an individual selection by priority is requested. Over the recent months the class averages have been tabulated with the following results: 1. (tie) Well-being and Moral Strength, 2. Respect, 3. Enlightenment, 4. Power, 5. Skill, 6. Wrath, and 7. Personal Attention.

One interested observer made the statement, "I wonder how the parents of these young people would have arranged these eight values?" As you contemplate the total significance of the order of priorities listed above, have you answered the question, "Am I a puppet on a string?"

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